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Family-Friendly Bikeways

Protected bike lane in Evanston, Illinois

About the Family-Friendly Bikeways Project

Goal to increase cycling by:

- Helping Chicago suburbs plan for and build networks of bikeways that are comfortable places for people of all ages and abilities to bike -- everyone!
- Helping suburbs adopt broader Complete Streets policies and strategies
- Securing additional state and federal funding for suburbs to do biking and walking projects.



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About the Family-Friendly Bikeways Project

- Cities and villages endorse a long-term goal to create a bicycle network that provides comfortable, low stress spaces to bike for people of all ages and abilities.
- Active Trans provides planning, outreach and grant development assistance to communities.*

* Availability Limited!



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What are Family-Friendly Bikeways?



Safe and comfortable for everyone to bike on, from children to grandparents



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What are Family-Friendly Bikeways?



- Bicycle Network**
- Existing**
- Bike Lane
- Bike Route
- Paved Shoulder
- Shared Lane
- Multiuse Trail or Sidepath
- Proposed**
- Bike Route
- Bike Lane
- Paved Shoulder
- Road Diet With Bike Lane
- Shared Lane
- Side Path or Trail
- NWMC 2010 Regional Corridors**
- Primary Alignment
- Alternate Alignment

Connects you to schools, parks, transit, shopping — all around your town!



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Trails



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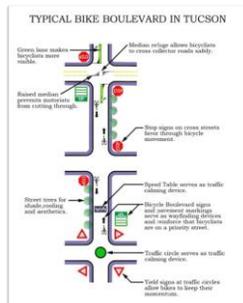
Protected Bike Lanes



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"Bike Boulevards"



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Safe Crossings Across Busy Streets



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Why Family-Friendly Bikeways?

- Most people want to bike more, but are too afraid to bike on a typical street
- Planning and on-street infrastructure has largely focused on strong, confident cyclists and not the mainstream

Public Attitudes About Cycling (Analysis by Portland Office of Transportation)



IL Bike Transportation Plan* Survey Results

- Top barriers to biking
 - Traffic safety
 - Lack of facilities
- Top bike route factors
 - Safety of route
 - Traffic along rout



*Illinois Bike Transportation Plan, IDOT, 2014

IL State Bike Plan Survey Results

- Top road treatments to improve safety
 - Protected lanes
 - Bike lanes
- Most comfortable facility/roadway type
 - Off road trails
 - Protected lanes

Why Family-Friendly Bikeways?

- Demand for/popularity of cycling growing
- Potential growth: 41% trips in U.S. 2 miles or less; 27% 1 mile or less
- Businesses want to locate in bike-friendly places
- Good for personal and economic health
- Low cost – Chicago’s recent expansion cost just 0.3% of the transportation budget in 2013.



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Why Family-Friendly Bikeways?

- Low-Stress bikeways will attract the 60% of the population that wants to bike more but is fearful
- Protected bike lanes in U.S. Cities: 50 to 200% increases in just 1 to 2 years and fewer crashes
- Tucson: 2X increase 2000-2008 on 3rd St. Bike Boulevard
- Trails: obviously very popular; key is connectivity with homes and destinations



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